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Under the Brothers Dulles policy, which has been the Washington policy, a sort of super-pamper's oath has been required from the stressed peoples that: "We'll starve before we'll listen to Communists, native or foreign; or accept Communist help; or adopt Communist economic methods," before this country's aid will be extended.

When, after being ignored or spurned by Washington, the "others" then, as is inevitable, accept help from Russia, Washington becomes intensely and subversively active, striking through the State Department, the Pentagon, and the Central Intelligence Agency to destroy such "others" by stirring up hatreds, fears and bigotry; plotting overthrow; stimulating civil war; dividing populations; and creating chaos as in Laos, the Congo, Cuba and elsewhere. Adopting the evil methods of the "enemy" can, in the long term, only bring defeat.

To paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, a world divided against itself can not long endure. The Russian economy is based upon state capitalism operating for the benefit of all its citizens. Our economy is based upon private capitalism operating primarily for private profit with secondary benefits for the population as a whole. Both systems have their good and bad features but are not antagonistic necessarily nor incompatible, each overlapping the other at some points.

Actually they have more similarities than differences and could proceed peacefully with their respective human experiments toward a natural and increasingly satisfactory adjustment were it not for the bitter political and power rivalries of their leaders and the vested interests of those who profit politically or financially by threats of war and by clinging desperately to the past in an atomic age.

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